



Close Call

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Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshipping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service, and fellowship. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.**

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Degged with dew, dappled with dew
 Are the groins of the braes that the brook treads through,
 Wiry heathpacks, fitches of fern,
 And the beadbonny ash that sits over the burn.

What would the world be, once bereft
 Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left,
 O let them be left, wildness and wet;
 Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.
 —Gerard Manley Hopkins, "Inversnaid"

Rector's Column

Beloved in Christ,

A few days ago, I was in Maine, sitting in a sea-kayak and gliding by a rocky shore. (OK, "lurching" might be a more accurate description than "gliding"!) The day was one of heavy fog, and the other boats and the bits of the shoreline appeared in and out of it like magic. Seaweed lay limp upon the rocks where the water lapped quietly on the shore. Porpoises turned circles in the grey water. Birds rested on rocks. Our guide reached down into the clear water and emerged holding a green sea-urchin and a starfish. We passed them around, admiring the urchin's teeth, the starfish's crusty ridges, the little sucker-legs which held them to the rocks. Then we let them go.

It was an entrance to a magical world, a place we are allowed to glimpse, to enter—even for a time—

and then must leave, returning to our land of sunlight and air before the gates of water close over us and the way home is barred forever. It reminded me of my childhood year in Hawaii, when we waded in tidepools and lifted sea-cucumbers, and watched the anemones wave like strange flowers in a solid wind. What we were cultivating in those tidepools was not so much knowledge as wonder, an awareness that we are guests on this earth, part of vast web of living organisms too complex to be grasped by one human mind. So complex that tampering with any bit of it is like pulling a string in a knitted sweater: we do not know what will unravel, or how large the holes will grow.

In summer, of course, it is all around us, flaunting its brightest finery: flowers, seeds, birdsong, dappled sunlight running like water over the ferns between the trees—the thousand thousand ways life perpetuates itself for another year or another day. We benefit from this grace each time that we draw breath from air which plants have purified, eat a piece of fruit which has grown from soil made rich by the work of worms and of insects we will never see, wash ourselves in water we did not make, and cannot replace. And yet, we experience this grace—really experience it—only when we have eyes to see.

And what those eyes are showing us is not pretty. Go out Blackwells Mill Road, and you will find farmland—

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some of the richest in the country—being turned into housing developments every day. Go south, or west, and you will find American states suing one another for water. Go to Utah, and you will see golf courses flourishing in deserts, or to California, where they are growing rice in theirs. Or go the Gulf Coast and help families who are still living in FEMA trailers four years after Hurricane Katrina, and consider the cost of development in places nature wishes to claim for its own.

It is hard to explain all this, unless we are living in a state of perfect disconnection from our own understanding of what makes our lives bearable, or possible. Barbara Kingsolver recounts that she went to a dinner party at a friend's house, and the friend was serving raspberries in winter. Now, I am firmly in accord with a beloved parishioner who told me, shortly before her death at the age of one hundred and one years, that "if there are not raspberries in Heaven, I'm not going there!"—but Kingsolver asked the question: "Raspberries won't grow in the tropics, ...and they sure don't keep. So where would they come from in the dead of winter?" Kingsolver's friend replied triumphantly: "Zabar's!"¹

Yes, but...how did they get there? Who grew them? In what climate? These are increasingly questions we can ignore only at our own peril. We are pulling thread after thread from that web of life, and, for all its beauty, the fabric is beginning to wear thin. We have come a long way from Eden, from the idea of living among and serving and tending our fellow-creatures. And for all that Scripture says there is an angel with a flaming sword barring the gate so that we cannot return, I suspect that if we tried, we would find that that angel draws most of its power from our own refusal to re-order our desires. If we choose to remain disconnected much longer, we may be disconnected for good.

So savor this life this summer. Cultivate wonder. Take time to

watch a blade of grass grow, or to be still and admire the feathers of a cardinal. Turn over a seed-pod in your hand, and think about where those seeds will go, to what shores they will bring life. And give thanks to the God who sustains this earth which gives life to us. Then help to sustain it: we are, after all, made in the image of God.

Nor is this work un-connected from the great work of Christ. It is practice for the task of reconciling the world. We cannot bring people together unless we take time to notice them. Last week, at General Convention, the Episcopal Church did a lot of work. I have printed the Presiding Bishop's letter about the Convention in this *Close Call*, as she is our leader, and her opinions matter more than mine. But I want to draw your attention, for a moment, to Resolution D025, "Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion." This resolution has already drawn a lot of fire and commentary. It says that we are glad to be part of the Anglican Communion; that we wish to participate fully through mission and shared ministry and through our financial support; that we are committed to continue to engage (along with the rest of the Communion) in listening to the experience of Christians who are gay and lesbian; that we believe God has called them to exercise all kinds and levels of ministry in this church; and that we don't agree with one another about how to respond to these overlapping realities.²

Now, some people are saying that this is a gauntlet thrown down in the face of our more conservative brothers and sisters; others are saying that we are being unrealistic and trying to have it both ways. To me, however, it seemed a remarkably honest statement, and the image that came to me was that of Christ on the cross, trying to hold on to all kinds of realities that do not usually coexist, and refusing to let go. With his feet, he pointed toward the earth, toward this beautiful, wrecked, continually-graced world. With his head, he

remained centered in the reality of God's heaven. His hands reached out to the repentant thief and to the bad one alike. And he stayed in the center, refusing to let go, offering himself and his witness to our God: "Into your hands I commend my spirit." He did not show us how to bring these truths together, but he did show us never to let go. Hold on to one another. Hold on to this earth. Hold on to your friends, the ones who light your heart. Hold on to your enemy, the one you secretly despise. Hold on, even—and especially—when it feels that you are being nailed on the cross of conflict and of love. In that place, you are entering the spirit of Christ, who holds on to each one of us, every day, offering us to God and God to us, and simply refuses to let go.

Thanks be to God.

Deborah+

¹ Barbara Kingsolver, "Lily's Chickens," *Small Wonder*, p.129.

² The full text can be found at http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation/view_leg_detail.aspx?id=986&type=Final

VESTRY NOTES

There was no Vestry meeting for the month of July. The next regular meeting will be held August 10.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC AND MEDITATION

is offered every **Wednesday from 12:15-12:45 p.m.** in the Clarke Chapel. This service is fully accessible for parishioners and community members who use walker, canes, or wheelchairs.

All are welcome.

PRESIDING BISHOP'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH ON GENERAL CONVENTION

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

The 76th General Convention is now history, though it will likely take some time before we are all reasonably clear about what the results are.

We gathered in Anaheim, as guests of the Diocese of Los Angeles, for eleven full days of worship, learning, and policy-making. The worship was stunning visually, musically, and liturgically, with provocative preaching and lively singing.

Our learning included training in Public Narrative, as well as news about the emergent church, in the LA Night presentation.

We welcomed a number of visitors from other parts of the Anglican Communion, including 15 of the primates (archbishops or presiding bishops), other bishops, clergy, and laity.

You can see and hear all this and more at the Media Hub: <http://gchub.episcopalchurch.org/>

The budget adopted represents a significant curtailment of church-wide ministry efforts, in recognition of the economic realities of many dioceses and church endowments, which will result in the loss of a number of Church Center staff who have given long and laudable service. Yet we will continue to serve God's mission, throughout The Episcopal Church and beyond. This budget expects that more mission work will continue or begin to take place at diocesan or congregational levels. Religious pilgrims, from the Israelites in the desert to Episcopalians in Alaska or Haiti, have always learned that times of leanness are opportunities for strengthened faith and creativity.

As a Church, we have deepened our commitments to mission and ministry with "the least of these" (Matthew 25). We included a budgetary commitment of 0.7% to

the Millennium Development Goals, through the NetsforLife® program partnership of Episcopal Relief & Development. That is in addition to approximately 15% of the budget already committed to international development work.

We have committed to a domestic poverty initiative, meant to explore coherent and constructive responses to some of the worst poverty statistics in the Americas: Native American reservations and indigenous communities.

Justice is the goal, as we revised our canons (church rules) having to do with clergy discipline, both as an act of solidarity with those who may suffer at the hands of clergy and an act of pastoral concern for clergy charged with misconduct.

The General Convention adopted a health plan to serve all clergy and lay employees, which is expected to be a cost-savings across the whole of the United States portion of the Church. Work continues to ensure adequate health coverage in the non-U.S. parts of this Church. The Convention also mandated pension coverage for lay employees.

Liturgical additions were also included in the Convention's work, from more saints on the calendar to prayers around reproductive loss.

What captured the headlines across the secular media, however, had to do with two resolutions, the consequences of which were often misinterpreted or exaggerated. One, identified as D025, is titled "Anglican Communion: Commitment and Witness to Anglican Communion." It

- reaffirms our commitment to and desire to pursue mission with the Anglican Communion;
- reiterates our commitment to Listening Process urged by Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988, and 1998;
- notes that our own participation in the listening process led General Convention in 2000 to "recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships 'characterized by

fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God";

- recognizes that ministry, both lay and ordained is being exercised by such persons in response to God's call;
- notes that the call to ordained ministry is God's call, is a mystery, and that the Church participates in that mystery through the process of discernment;
- acknowledges that the members of The Episcopal Church, and of the Anglican Communion, are not of one mind, and that faithful Christians disagree about some of these matters.

The other resolution that received a lot of press is C056, titled "Liturgies for Blessings." The text adopted was a substitute for the original, yet the title remains unchanged. It

- acknowledges changing circumstances in the U.S. and elsewhere, in that civil jurisdictions in some places permit marriage, civil unions, and/or domestic partnerships involving same-sex couples, that call for a pastoral response from this Church;
- asks the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, and the House of Bishops, to collect and develop theological and liturgical resources for such pastoral response, and report to the next General Convention;
- asks those bodies to invite comment and participation from other parts of this Church and the Anglican Communion;
- notes that bishops may provide generous pastoral responses to the needs of members of this Church;
- asks the Convention to honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality.

The full text of both resolutions is available here: <http://gc2009.org/ViewLegislation>. I urge you to read them for your-

self. Some have insisted that these resolutions repudiate our relationships with other members of the Anglican Communion. My sense is that we have been very clear that we value our relationships within and around the Communion, and seek to deepen them. My sense as well is that we cannot do that without being honest about who and where we are. We are obviously not of one mind, and likely will not be until Jesus returns in all his glory. We are called by God to continue to wrestle with the circumstances in which we live and move and have our being, and to do it as carefully and faithfully as we are able, in companionship with those who disagree vehemently and agree wholeheartedly. It is only in that wrestling that we, like Jacob, will begin to discern the leading of the Spirit and the blessing of relationship with God.

Above all else, this Convention claimed God's mission as the heartbeat of The Episcopal Church. I encourage every member of this Church to enter into conversation in your own congregation or diocese about God's mission, and where you and your faith community are being invited to enter more deeply into caring for your neighbors, the "least of these" whom Jesus befriends.

*The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church*

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

to host Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. service. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the door of the Nicholas Room. A more affordable way to host Coffee Hour is to co-host with one or more other families.

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED

—*Gwen Greenberg*

The Food Pantry needs your help. We are looking for help in the following areas:

We need 8-10 people to volunteer for each hour we distribute food, including:

- One to two to manage the flow of clients into the pantry by handing out numbers and keeping them moving into the waiting area;
- One to two people to register new clients;
- Two to sign in recipients; and
- Three to manage bag distribution.

Our August hours of distribution are as follows:

- Wednesday, August 12, 6-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 19, 6-7 p.m.
- Friday, August 21, 9-10 a.m.
- Saturday, August 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 26, 6-7 p.m.
- Friday, August 28, 9-10 a.m.
- Saturday, August 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

We need people willing to make up bags for distribution. We distribute approximately 150 bags each hour of operation. This requires a minimum of 12 hours of bagging. Three people can make up 25 bags in one hour. Our bagging operations are Wednesdays before distribution from 1-6 p.m., Thursday evenings before Friday distribution from 6-9 p.m., and Saturday mornings before distribution from 9-10:30 a.m.

We are looking for used children's books to donate to the children of clients. Also household goods, and baby toys and equipment. We've had generous donations of good, clean, wearable items for people of all ages. We need help shelving and hanging these items in one room.

Anyone interested in working with children during the Saturday morning hours between 9 and 12 would be welcomed. We have space for children but no activities.

The second Tuesday of each month we receive one or two truck loads of food (20,000 lbs). It takes

10-12 people to unload and shelve these goods. We are in need of a ramp to use on the stairs to the pantry to ease the moving of the food from the yard to the pantry. We would like a commercial one but 21 1/2x12" planks approximately 12 feet long would really be an asset.

Recruiting volunteers for the unloading requires advertisement in the form of posters—simple printed ones announcing the date and time, to be posted in and outside of the Pantry. Also a posting of the hours with the exact date each month needs to be created. This is a simple task that can be done on a computer and hung each month at your convenience.

Each month we add between 100 and 150 new families to our list of clients. In April we served 519 families representing 2,100 people; while in May we served 635 families with 2,500 people.

If you can give time please contact me at 908.420.0548.

BUILDING AN ETHICAL ECONOMY: THEOLOGY AND THE MARKETPLACE

The 2010 Trinity Institute will be held January 27-29 at Trinity Wall Street. Guest speakers will include Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sir Partha Dasgupta, Professor of Economics at Cambridge University; and Kathryn Tanner, Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Enrollment information is at trinitywallstreet.org/education/?institute-2010.

Parish Announcements

CHRIST CHURCH COOKS

—Annette Power Johnson

The deadline for receiving recipes has been extended since many of you may be on vacation. Recipes are still needed.

Wait until you see these church recipes! They look so good. Receiving and reading them is a moving experience. Some recipes have been a part of the cooks' nourishing and cherishing their families for years. Other recipes have been in families for more than a generation, and their submitters think of their forbears with love and appreciation. Somehow a Christ Church cook book is becoming more than a fund raiser for the church, but also a demonstration of love and care.

Submit your recipes to: maryangelyj@gmail.com, or annettejohnson@verizon.net, or paper copies to Julia Utz in the parish office.

In order to avoid confusion, please:

- 1) use the following abbreviations: teaspoon = tsp; tablespoon = tbs; cup = c.; and
- 2) double-check all cook-times and temperatures. (If you know that that cake really needs to cook for about twice as long as Aunt Edna wrote down, please make the correction!)

CELL PHONES AND PRINTER CARTIDGES

Bring your used inkjet printer cartridges and unwanted cell phones to back of the church to benefit Christ Church youth.

LOOKING TOWARD FALL

—Deborah Meister+

Church School for children in 4-K through 9th grade will begin this year on Sunday, September 13th (the Sunday after labor Day). The youngest children will be learning from the new Godly Play curriculum, a Montessori-based approach which relies on story-telling, wondering, and artistic interaction to help children enter imaginatively into Bible stories so that they can learn about God the same way they learn to live: through imaginative play. The children in the middle years will be using Living the Word to encounter a Gospel straight-through, so that they get a chance to learn about Jesus' life.

Youth in 6th and 7th grades will be in the Rite 13 class, and youth in 8th and 9th grades will be in Journey to Adulthood. Registration for all classes will be held on Sunday, August 30th and Sunday, September 6th. (If you miss registration, don't worry; join a class, and we will sort it out later!)

TEACHER TRAINING FOR GODLY PLAY

Will be held on Saturday, August 29, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Ross Room. If you would like to help the faith of children, please contact Deborah at 732.545.6262 to learn more. You will not have to miss church in order to teach!

MUSIC MINISTRY

—Mark Trautman

The musical year at Christ Church begins with our first Adult Choir Sunday on September 5, with the first Thursday night rehearsal on September 10. The Vespers concert series begins at 4 p.m. on October 11, when the Christ Church Choir will join the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra's Haydn anniversary year series in the composer's "Missa in angustiis" (Nelson Mass). Also on the program will be the premiere of a new work for strings commissioned by NBCO from Joel Phillips, Professor of theory and composition at Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

Vespers and the concert series will begin at a new time this year, 4 p.m. Other special Sunday afternoon concerts and services will include an All Saints Day Jazz Vespers program on November 1, a special Mendelssohn program on November 15, and Lessons and Carols on December 20.

In addition, the State Theatre has invited us back for another performance of Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 6 at 3 p.m.

A Series of Retreats September 2009 – January 2010

sponsored by the Right Onward Vision Committee ~ Spiritual Renewal Initiative

Basic Spirituality Retreat An Invitation to Christian Spiritual Teaching: How God Loves, Transforms, and Makes People Whole

Leader: Dr. Elisabeth Koenig, Professor of Ascetical Theology, The General Theological Seminary
Explore a spiritual path whose profundity and richness have nurtured people for over two millennia. Discover personalities and teachings from ancient times to the present that speak of the value of a conscious, intentional relation with God. This bond not only grounds human identity, through a clearer sense of self and a greater appreciation of potential, but also provides an effective passage through difficult situations of life, such as sickness, death, loss, failure, and separation — the condition for entering into the fullness of joy. Hear others' stories of spiritual growth and tell your own. Explore spiritual practices, including modes of prayer, discernment, and rituals for social change, a fine way to forge a spiritual path or to attend to the one you tread.

When Saturday, September 12 from 9 am to 3 pm
Cost No cost, continental breakfast and lunch provided
Where St. George's Episcopal Church
 7 Lincoln Avenue
 Rumson, New Jersey 07760
 732 842-0596
Deadline Register by Friday, August 28

Urban Ministry Retreat

Leader: The Reverend Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson, Rector of St. Andrew and Holy Communion Episcopal Church in South Orange, New Jersey

Urban Ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with all who live or work in our urban centers by preaching, teaching and advocating in the power of the Holy Spirit. Given this stated vision, in this all day retreat with prayers and reflections, we will:

- revisit why we are called to this ministry
- reconnect to our primary purpose, which is mission
- recommit to our ministries in urban centers
- reaffirm the transformational power of this ministry, if we are givers as well as receivers

When Saturday, October 10 from 9am to 3pm
Cost No cost, continental breakfast and lunch provided
Where St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 422 Market Street
 Camden, New Jersey 08104
 856 365-5880
Deadline Register by Friday, September 25

Young Adults Retreat

Leaders: The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, Chaplain of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers University, based at Canterbury House, New Brunswick and the Reverend Dr. Deborah Meister, Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick
Take some time apart with other young adults, ages 18 through 35, to reflect together in an atmosphere of prayer and quiet to enjoy God's love for us and renew our love for God.

When Saturday, November 7 from 9am to 3pm
Cost No cost, continental breakfast and lunch provided
Where St. Andrew's Church
121 High Street
Mt. Holly, New Jersey 08060
609 267 0225
Deadline Register by Friday, October 23

Deepening Spirituality Retreat

Leader: The Reverend Edmund Zelle, Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Wenonah, New Jersey
Explore a wide array of sacred practices in spirituality, including walking the labyrinth, making and praying with Anglican prayer beads, imaginative prayer, centering prayer, and praying with scripture. This retreat is designed to be informing to the widest range of participants who seek to deepen and widen their meditative life.

When Saturday, November 14 from 9am to 3pm
Cost No cost, continental breakfast and lunch provided
Where Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
11 North Monroe Avenue
Wenonah, New Jersey 08090
856 468-0290
Deadline Register by Friday, October 30

Overnight Silent Retreat: A Sampler of Prayer

Leader: The Reverend Ann Holt, Priest Associate at Calvary, Flemington
Prayer comes in many forms, silent and spoken, private and communal. Our time will explore several ways of listening to God including the writing of our own Advent Collects. The practice of "Resting in God" will help us Prepare the Way of the Lord and face the busy holiday season ahead with equanimity, perspective, and calm! The serene setting of the Convent, with an opportunity to share worship with the Sisters, is a perfect place to begin the new Church year.

When Friday, December 4, from 5pm to Saturday, December 5 at 4pm
Cost \$25, overnight accommodations, dinner, continental breakfast, and lunch provided
Where St. Marguerite's Retreat House, Community of St. John Baptist
82 West Main Street
Mendham, New Jersey 07945
973 543-4641, ext. 100
Deadline Register by Friday, November 13, overnight registration is limited. Please register early.
Register By email to spaige@newjersey.anglican.org, or phone Sarah Paige at 609 394-5281, ext. 10. *Simultaneous translation into Spanish is available upon request for all these offerings.*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Call Sally Edwards (609.395.1467) and Julia Utz (732.545.6262) when you have made a substitution.

Please note the deadline for names changes in the Sunday Leaflets is noon on Wednesdays. **Intercrossors**, please be in church and pick up the Intercrossor three-ring binder before the Prelude starts. If you're later than that, we have to get a substitute from the congregation.

LECTIONS	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30	Sept. 6
8:00 AM						
EM	Joan Borden	Rod Neaveill	Joan Borden	Peter Clarke	Bruce Rydel	Jose Castillo
L/P	Margaret DeMatteo	Ruth Neaveill	Andros Thomson	Pat Warren	Meegan Adames	Sheila Cooper
CB		Syl Pratt	Allie Graham	Sheila Cooper	Rod Neaveill	Peter Clarke
U	Pat Lowe	Don Braun	Margaret DeMatteo	Beverly Briggs	Elfrida Gooding	Sheila Cooper
U		Sarah Braun	Debra Lowe	David Briggs	Pat Lowe	Evangeline Guy
10:00 AM						
EM	Penny Gordon	Artie Phills	Andrea Cunnell	Chris Davies	Sally Edwards	Penny Gordon
L	C Calvimontes	John Egekeze	Carol Erickson	Mel Garber	Eve Johnson	Molly Newling
I	Kelly-Jane Cotter	Oluchi Egekeze	Julie DerBedrosian	Jonathan Gloster	Kay Hadzimichalis	Liz Roberts
CB	Rod Neaveill	Molly Newling	David Heinlein	Allie Graham	Artie Phills	Andrea Cunnell
U	Kenreic VanLoo	Mel Garber	Molly Newling	Kenreic VanLoo	Beth Angell	Peggy Smith
U	Marva VanLoo	Beth Angell	Peggy Smith	Marva VanLoo	Andrew Murphy	Richard Travers
U	Chris Davies	Andrew Murphy	Richard Travers	Thelma Fergusson	Pete Murphy	Kenreic VanLoo
U	Thelma Fergusson	Pete Murphy	Chris Davies	Mel Garber	Molly Newling	Marva VanLoo
G	Nancy Cornell	Carol Erickson	Betsy Thomas	Annette Johnson	Robin Brown	Nancy Cornell
Acolytes	*****					
S	Kerrie VanLoo	Oluchi Egekeze	Graig Fergusson	Sam Kuldinow	Oluchi Egekeze	Graig Fergusson
T	H LaPorte-Burns	Kendall Beckles	Chioma Egekeze	Adam Hess	Joanna Kuldinow	C LaPorte-Burns
August 2						
2 Sam 11:26-12:13a Ps 51:1-13 Eph 4:1-16 John 6:24-35						
August 9						
2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ps 130 Eph 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51						
August 16						
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Ps 111 Eph 5:15-20 John 6:51-58						
August 23						
1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Ps. 84 Eph 6:10-20 John 6:56-69						
August 30						
Song of Songs 2:8-13 Ps 45:1-2, 7-10 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23						
September 6						
Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Ps 125 James 2:1-10 Mark 7:24-37						

Eucharistic Minister Lector Psalmist Intercrossor Challice Bearer Usher Greeter Server Crucifer Torchbearer

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday (*Summer Schedule*)

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Music, Rite I

9:00 a.m.—Men's Ministry (*second Sunday of the month*)

9:00 a.m.—Parish Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m.—Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II, followed by coffee hour

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m.—"Open" AA meeting for men and women in the Auditorium.

Monday

9:00 a.m. – 7 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

7:00 p.m.—Boaz Board (*third Monday of the month*)

7:15 p.m.—Lyme Disease Support Group (*second and fourth Mondays of the month*)

7:30 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 p.m.—Vestry (*second Monday of the month*)

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. – 7 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

Wednesday

12:15 p.m.—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.—Food Pantry (*last three Wednesdays of the month*)

7:30 p.m.—WomenSpirit

7:30 p.m.—Property Committee (*first Wednesday of the month*)

Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 7 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

Friday

9:00 a.m.—Food Pantry (*last two Fridays of the month*)

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.—Boaz Open Clinic

10:30 a.m.—Food Pantry (last two Saturdays of the month)

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9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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9:00 a.m. – noon

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